

ABSTRACT

Apparatus (10) for removing a friction grip fitting (56) from a pipe (50) comprises a first engagement means (16, 18) for directly or indirectly engaging the friction grip fitting, a second engagement means (34) for engaging the end of the pipe at a position spaced-apart from the friction grip fitting and means (24) for applying a force to move the first and second engagement means with respect to one another to slide the friction grip fitting with respect to the pipe.

[to signature page]

National Stage of PCT/GB2005/000466

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Page 6

Respectfully submitted,

By Allen J. Hoover
Allen J. Hoover
Reg. No. 24,103

Wood, Phillips, Katz, Clark & Mortimer
Citicorp Center, Suite 3800
500 West Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511
Telephone (312) 876-1800
Facsimile (312) 876-2020

August 9, 2006